

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 166427

42

ORIGIN ACDA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 DODE-00 PM-04 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15

CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 L-03 PRS-01 SSO-00 NSCE-00

INRE-00 IO-13 SAJ-01 SAM-01 /075 R

DRAFTED BY ACDA/IR:LSLOSS

APPROVED BY STATE/C:HSOHNENFELDT

EUR:JHUFF

PM:VBAKER

C:JMONTGOMERY

NSC:SHADLEY

OSD:LMICHAEL

JCS:RMCCANN

ACDA: LFISCHER

S/S - MR. ORTIZ

----- 006782

O R 031658Z JUL 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE

USDEL MBFR VIENNA IMMEDIATE

INFO USMISSION NATO

AMEMBASSY LONDON

S E C R E T STATE 166427

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, NATO, MBFR

SUBJECT: MBFR: US VIEWS ON HANDLING DATA ISSUE DURING
BALANCE OF CURRENT ROUND

REF: MBFR VIENNA 343 (DTG 011801Z JUL 76) (EXDIS) (NOTAL)

1. FOR BONN: YOU SHOULD TRANSMIT FOLLOWING VIEWS ON US
APPROACH TO THE DATA ISSUE DURING THE REMAINDER OF CURRENT
MBFR ROUND TO VAN WELL OR OTHER SENIOR OFFICIAL IN THE
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 166427

FOREIGN OFFICE PRIOR TO THEIR HIGH LEVEL BILATERAL TALKS

WITH THE FRENCH NEXT WEEK. IF THE GERMANS WISH TO RAISE MBFR WITH FRENCH, WE WANT THEM TO BE AWARE OF OUR VIEWS. US REPS WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS FURTHER IN TRILATERAL MEETING ON JULY 8-9.

2. US BELIEVES THE MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF THE WESTERN SIDE DURING BALANCE OF CURRENT ROUND IN VIENNA IS TO PROBE BASIS FOR THE EASTERN DATA TABLED JUNE 10. WE RECOGNIZE THAT UNTIL THE WEST TABLES REVISED DATA, EAST WILL BE RELUCTANT TO ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS. HOWEVER, WESTERN SIDE SHOULD CONTINUE TO POSE QUESTIONS AS WAS DONE IN JUNE 29 INFORMAL.

3. WE DO NOT THINK WE SHOULD TABLE DATA EXCLUDING FRENCH FORCES, GIVEN THE VERY SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS THAT STEP COULD HAVE. ON OTHER HAND, WE DO NOT THINK THE NEED TO TABLE NEW DATA THIS SESSION IS SUCH AS TO WARRANT A CONFRONTATION WITH THE FRENCH BY PRESSING FOR AN URGENT RESOLUTION. TOO MUCH PRESSURE ON THE FRENCH COULD LEAD TO CALCIFICATION OF THEIR POSITION. THEIR PRESENT POSITION POSES MANY SERIOUS POTENTIAL PROBLEMS AND IF WE CAN GET THROUGH THE PRESENT SESSION WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO OUR CURRENT POSITION AND WITHOUT IRREVOCABLE POSITIONS BEING STAKED OUT WE WILL HAVE THE RECESS FOR BILATERAL AND TRILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON HOW BEST TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM.

4. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, WE DO NOT INTEND TO PRESS IN SPC AT THIS JUNCTURE FOR NEW GUIDANCE FOR TABLING REVISED DATA TO THE AD HOC GROUP. AT THE SAME TIME WE WOULD EXPECT THAT FRENCH WILL NOT PRESS NATO FOR A DECISION TO EXCLUDE FRENCH FORCES FROM THE COMMON CEILING. LATTER WOULD CLEARLY HAVE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR WESTERN MBFR POSITION. KISSINGER

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MUTUAL FORCE REDUCTIONS, MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 03 JUL 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: MartinML
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE166427
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: LSLOSS
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760258-0756
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760790/aaaadcbb.tel
Line Count: 94
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN ACDA
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 MBFR VIENNA 343
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: MartinML
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17 FEB 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <17 FEB 2004 by morefirh>; APPROVED <28 JUL 2004 by MartinML>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MBFR: US VIEWS ON HANDLING DATA ISSUE DURING BALANCE OF CURRENT ROUND
TAGS: PARM, US, NATO, MBFR
To: BONN MBFR VIENNA
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006